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among other interesting features are the beautiful boulevard which encircles the island, Scott's cave, Sugar Loaf, Arch and Temple Rocks, the historic battlefield, Indian burying ground, etc. The views from the rocks mentioned above are impressive. The waters surrounding Mackinac Island are cold and wonderfully clear and afford splendid sport to fishermen.

Mackinac Island is a strategic point and was in possession of the French in early days. The British took it in 1760, and it was captured by Pontiac in the Indian revolt of 1763. It was one of the early frontier posts of the Astor Fur Co. and is now a military post and reservation of the United States.

Several large hotels of good reputation are on the island, which is reached by several railroad and steamship lines. The largest boats on the lakes stop at Mackinac Island from Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and other lake cities.

Detailed information as to rates and routes of travel will be printed in later numbers of the A. L. A. Bulletin. Exact dates of the 1910 conference cannot be announced definitely at this time, but it is expected that July 1 will be near the time for the opening session.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the American Library Association met in Chicago, January 4, 1910. The members present were N. D. C. Hodges, James I. Wyer, Jr, Alice S. Tyler, Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, C. W. Andrews, Purd B. Wright and Henry E. Legler.

After a statement by the president, N. D. C. Hodges, as to the inadvisability of holding the 1910 Conference in New York City, there was an informal discussion, after which it was voted, that Mackinac Island, Michigan, be selected as the meeting place of the American Library Association on condition of satisfactory rates, conference rooms, etc., being granted.

Committees

A letter was read from H. C. Wellman in which he tendered his resignation as chairman of the Committee on library administration. It was voted, that Harrison W. Craver be appointed chairman of the Committee on library administration. It was voted also, that Theresa Hitchler be appointed chairman of the Committee on catalog rules for small libraries, with power to appoint the other members of that committee.

Reports were received from the various committees outlining committee work for the ensuing year. The Committee on library training reported to the Executive Board as follows:

"For some years past, members of the American Library Association have repeatedly called the attention of the Committee on library training to the fact that on account of the rapid increase of schools and other agencies for library training, an examination of such places of study by the Committee would be of great value."

"It has seemed to the Committee that in this matter merely ex parte statements from the schools themselves or from others ought not to be accepted, but that any expression of opinion on the part of the Committee on library training should be made only after a careful examination by competent examiners, of the existing facilities for library training. It is the judgment of the Committee that the present situation calls for a very careful examination of the present opportunities for library training. The Committee therefore desires, during the coming season, to give to all such places of training an opportunity to be examined. Such examinations would be conducted by at least two thoroughly trained persons selected by the Committee on library training, the same examiners to inspect all the schools desiring it. Only such schools as wish to be examined will be visited."

"If the schools should accept the opportunity of examination offered by the Committee, it will, of course be necessary

to pay the expenses of the examiners. Therefore before entering upon this work, this outline of the plans of the Committee is presented to the Council of the A. L. A., with the request that if the plans of the Committee commend themselves to the Council, an appropriation of $500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be made to pay the expenses of such an examination."

It was voted by the Executive Board, that in view of the vote of the Council at the Minnetonka Conference (see page 410, Papers and Proceedings, 1908) as being inexpedient, the Executive Board referred for the consideration of the Council the report of the Committee on library training, suggesting the examination of library schools.

Under section 2 of the by-laws of the Association the following nominating committee was appointed: Arthur E. Bostwick, W. H. Brett, E. C. Richardson, Mary E. Ahern, Mary W. Plummer.

Purd B. Wright submitted his resignation as treasurer of the A. L. A. and it was voted, that Mr Wright's resignation be accepted with regret. The Executive Board expressed great appreciation of the valuable services Mr Wright had rendered the American Library Association. Carl B. Roden of the Chicago Public Library was elected treasurer of the American Library Association to succeed Mr Wright.

Treasurer's Report

Mr Wright submitted the following report which was referred to the Finance Committee:

"The report of the Treasurer of the American Library Association for the year 1909 is herewith presented. It shows receipts for the year of $6,196.59 (being $60.06 less than the estimate made to you in Sept.) Receipts for membership were less than expected, while other sources showed slight increases. Expenditures were $4,904.12, or $1,362.88 less than anticipated. This is partially explained by the statement that printing of Conference Proceedings is not completed and bill not rendered, and by the further fact that one bill of $150 is in process of allowance. There is due the endowment fund $75 for three life memberships paid during the year. With these items eliminated, the actual balance for 1910 will be $2,475 instead of $2,196, as thought last summer.

"Estimates of receipts and expenditures for 1910 are $6,800. The only possibility of a change in the estimated receipts is in the membership and interest accounts. With Headquarters in good running order, and increased interest aroused through its working, I think no fear need be felt as to membership. The other is a comparatively small matter.

"A portion of the funds of the Association were placed in the savings department of the Bartlett Trust Co., St. Joseph, for a few months at 4 per cent, the checking account for current expenses drawing 2 per cent. This accounts for the excess in interest collections over the estimate. It is only fair to the officers of the trust company named to say that no banking expenses of any kind were made against this office, checks being cashed free and drafts drawn without charge.

"You can readily understand that not a little work was entailed by the changes of the year, the installing of new methods and new officers. Everything has progressed with as little delay as could have been expected.

"My resignation having been tendered as effective January 4, the business affairs have been left in as good condition as possible for my successor.

"Recommendations for some minor changes in the form of transacting the financial business of the Association will be made verbally.

"The record of a few months, together with the outlook for the future, fully justified those who earnestly stood for the changes made during the year and the opening of effective headquarters."

TREASURER'S REPORT, JAN. 1-DEC. 31, 1909

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909 (Bulletin, May, 1909, p. 44)		$2207.09

RECEIPTS

Membership dues—			
1907	1 at $2.00	$ 2.00	
	1 at $5.00	5.00	
1908	3 at $2.00	6.00	
	1 at $5.00	5.00	
1909	216 at $5.00	1080.00	
	172 at $3.00	516.00	
	1390 at $2.00	2780.00	
	1 partial payment	.50	
1910	9 at $5.00	45.00	
	9 at $3.00	27.00	
	8 at $2.00	16.00	
Life memberships—			
	3 at $25.00	75.00	$4557.50
Interest on endowment fund			364.15
Interest on bank balances, current year			97.12
Interest on bank balances, 1907-08, (Mr Hopkins)			20.00
Publishing Board, rental and proportionate expenses, Headquarters, with refund of $0.60			1100.60
Sale of Bulletin, etc.			39.60
Miscellaneous (exchange, return of balance of petty cash, Boston office, Sept. 10, and rebates)			17.62
			$8403.68

PAYMENTS

Bretton Woods Conference, 1909—			
June 10.	J. I. Wyer, Jr, Thousand islands and return, $11.75; Montreal telephone toll, $6.05; rubber stamp, $0.80; Boston and return, $15.35	$ 33.95	
July 21.	Julia E. Boyle, 118 hours 10 minutes clerical work @ 40c, $47.26; postage, stencils, etc., $1.75	49.01	
21.	Purd B. Wright, treas., cash paid Littleton Courier, printing attendance register, $35.00; printing for children's reading room, symposium, $5.25; Mt. Washington hotel, printing ballots, $4.00; Mt. Washington hotel, secretary's office force guests of Association, $107.14	151.40	
21.	Everett T. Tomlinson, railroad fare and hotel	35.35	
26.	Brandow printing co., 2000 official programs with charges, express, etc.	41.30	
Aug. 30.	Charles H. Bailey, reporting A. L. A. proceedings and two transcripts, (June 28-July 3)	150.00	
Dec. 14.	H. C. Chapman, typewriting for A. L. A. proceedings	8.00	$469.01

Headquarters (Boston)—

		Annie A. Sullivan, rent for eight months, (Jan.-Aug.)....$	666.64	
Jan.	19.	New England telephone and telegraph co., telephone service, Dec.	4.25	
Feb.	2.	Nina E. Browne, clerical service	25.00	
	3.	Gaylord Bros., 100 pamphlet binders	3.95	
	3.	Library Bureau, transfer drawers	2.00	
Mar.	17.	New England telephone and telegraph co., Jan	4.25	
	17.	New England telephone and telegraph co., Feb	4.25	
Apr.	13.	New England telephone and telegraph co., Mar	4.25	
May	15.	Nina E. Browne, 500 stamped envelopes	10.62	
	15.	New England telephone and telegraph co., Apr	4.25	
	19.	Nina E. Browne, clerical assistance	25.00	
June	14.	New England telephone and telegraph co., May	4.25	
Aug.	25.	Library Bureau, filing cabinet	26.50	
	30.	New England telephone and telegraph co., June-July	8.50	
Nov.	5.	New England telephone and telegraph co., Aug	4.79	$798.50

Bulletin—

Apr.	2.	Union bookbinding co., mailing Bulletin for January and inserting title page 1908....$	3.00	
	2.	New England Druggist publishing co., 2000 cops. Jan. Bulletin, 2100 title pages and index for 1908	60.45	
	13.	New England Druggist publishing co., 2400 cops. Bulletin	52.40	
	13.	Union bookbinding co., Mailing Bulletin	2.25	
June	16.	Union bookbinding co., Mailing Bulletin	3.66	
July	13.	New England Druggist publishing co., 2000 cops. Bulletin and corrections	82.69	
Aug.	30.	Carter, Rice & co., Handbook envelopes	16.68	
Nov.	5.	New England Druggist publishing co., 2200 copies Bulletin handbook, $212.50; Composition on report, $9.00; 100 additional handbooks, $4.00; 1000 copies 24 p. reprint from handbook, $23.50	249.00	
	5.	Union bookbinding co., mailing Bulletin, stamps, etc	9.10	
	10.	Max Stern's sons, printing postcards, $2.25; Bulletin envelopes, $28.25	30.50	
Nov.	29.	Carter, Rice & Co., bal. due on 100 clasp envelopes	.77	
Nov.	29.	Edna M. Sanderson, editorial work on Proceedings	100.00	
Dec.	31.	Chalmers Hadley, postage deposit, Bulletin	10.00	$620.50

Treasurer's expense—

Jan.	2.	Purd B. Wright, stamps and postals	3.00	
Apr.	26.	R. W. Hyatt, auditing treasurer's books, Aug. 8, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1908	15.00	
June	14.	Purd B. Wright, stamps and postals	3.00	
July	21.	Purd B. Wright, express on books, $1.90; typewriting reports, $9.60	11.50	
Aug.	25.	Jno. A. McGee, agt. treasurer's bond	16.00	
Nov.	22.	Jno. A. McGee, agt. treasurer's bond, as treasurer of A. L. A. Pub. Board	16.00	$64.50

Secretary's salary—

June	16.	J. I. Wyer, Jr, salary one-half year	125.00	$125.00

Travel Committee—

July	26.	F. W. Faxon, expenses Travel Com., post-conference trip, 1909	23.95	
Aug.	30.	New England Druggist publishing co., 500 8 p. reprints from May Bulletin, used by F. W. Faxon, Travel Committee	8.50	$32.45

Bookbuying Committee—

Jan.	2.	Bernard C. Steiner, traveling expenses to Newark	$ 9.00	
	2.	W. P. Cutter, expenses to Washington	25.60	
June	14.	Baker printing co., 150 sets galley proof novels for adults	25.00	
July	26.	Baker printing co., 300 lists novels for adults	23.75	
	26.	J. C. Dana, Clerical work for committee	16.65	$100.00

Bookbinding Committee—

June	14.	H. M. Dobbin, 20 hours clerical work	3.00	
	14.	Wilmington Institute Library, postage and express	9.77	
	17.	Chas. L. Story, printing 500 binding specifications	5.00	
Dec.	14.	A. L. Bailey, expense trip to New York, Nov. 19	7.75	$25.52

Library Statistics Committee—

May	3.	H. D. Brown, actuarial services	100.00	
June	16.	H. D. Brown, actuarial services	100.00	
July	21.	H. D. Brown, actuarial services	100.00	
	21.	George F. Bowerman, cash advanced for clerical services	21.00	$321.00

Miscellaneous—

Oct.	22.	Carl B. Roden, express and freight	$ 6.18	
	22.	Addressograph co., repairing machine	1.35	
	22.	Henry Hough, teaming and advance freight charges	16.23	
	22.	Florence Whittier, express, etc.	2.05	
	22.	Chalmers Hadley, miscellaneous office supplies	4.87	
	22.	Chalmers Hadley, moving expenses and express	18.91	
	22.	Chalmers Hadley, cash for stamps	1.00	
	22.	Chalmers Hadley, moving expenses, express, P. O. deposit, etc.	34.51	
	22.	Oliver Typewriting co., typewriting supplies	2.80	
	22.	P. A. Salisbury-Schulz co., inks, pads, etc	2.10	
	22.	A. C. McClurg & co., stationery	.88	
	22.	Max Stern's Sons, letterheads and envelopes	37.94	
	22.	Marshall Field & co., burlap and tacks	3.50	
	22.	Library Bureau, erasers, book support, tray, pens	6.35	
Nov.	10.	Chalmers Hadley, sec., incidental expenses, Nov	25.00	
	10.	Purd B. Wright, stamps	3.00	
	29.	Charles Obermeyer, freight and drayage	1.04	
	29.	Gilbert D. Emerson, binding	22.60	
	29.	Multigraph typewriter officer, 500 letters, 4 envelopes addressed	3.00	
	29.	Oliver typewriting co., record ribbon	.60	
	29.	A. C. McClurg & co., supplies	5.68	
	29.	Library Bureau, 1 tray, 2000 correspondence cards	2.75	
Dec.	31.	Max Stern's Sons, printing and postals	109.50	
	31.	C. W. Andrews, postage	.20	
	31.	Purd B. Wright, express and clerical work	35.90	$347.94

Contingent Fund—

Apr.	26.	A. E. Bostwick, expenses as delegate to Richmond, Virginia library association	24.45	
	26.	C. F. Williams & Son, printing 300 blanks	3.75	
Oct.	22.	Chalmers Hadley, petty cash account	50.00	
Nov.	5.	Wright and Patton printing co., cartage on plates	1.25	
	5.	Mrs L. R. Dudley, repairs Boston rooms	6.25	
	5.	Library Bureau, 2 nos. Public Libraries, $1.80; cards, $15.30	17.10	
	10.	Oliver Typewriting co., ribbon and note books	.75	
	10.	A. C. McClurg & co., cash book	.30	
	10.	Chalmers Hadley, post cards, $10.00; stamps, $6.00; stenographic work, supplies, etc.	53.15	

Dec.	31.	Chalmers Hadley, petty cash account	75.00	
	31.	Chalmers Hadley, incidentals	1.60	
	31.	Library Bureau, supplies	5.70	$239.30

Moving—

Oct.	12.	Warner & co., packing and shipping A. L. A. to Chicago, and advance of $180.00 freight	$ 380.95	
	22.	Henry Hough, teaming	15.00	$395.95

Secretary's office (To Sept. 1.)—

Apr.	26.	Julia E. Boyle, clerical work in secretary's office, Oct. 1908-March 1909	16.12	
May	3.	H. A. Chapman, stenographic service, Dec. 1, 1908, to Apr. 17, 1909, 48½ hours @ 60c	29.10	
June	10.	J. I. Wyer, Jr, special delivery register, telegram, $0.52; postage, $5.00; registry fee to Boston, $0.28; postage, $9.00; express, $0.25	15.05	
July	13.	C. F. Williams & Son, 300 circulars	2.75	
Aug.	30.	J. I. Wyer, Jr, postage, $14.00; express, $1.40; telegrams, $3.20; expenses Boston, moving and editing Handbook, $6.35; express on copy for Proceedings, $1.50; service, Miss Boyle, $3.00	29.45	
	30.	H. A. Chapman, stenographic services, April 24 to Sept. 8, 49¼ hours @ 60c; 6 sheets stencil wax, 210 sheets stencil paper, postage stamps	31.00	$123.47

Headquarters—Secretary salary (Chicago Office)—

Oct.	12.	Chalmers Hadley, Sept. salary	166.00	
Nov.	5.	Chamlers Hadley, Oct. salary	166.66	
Nov.	29.	Chalmers Hadley, Nov. salary	166.66	
Dec.	31.	Chalmers Hadley, Dec. salary	166.66	$665.98

(Headquarters)—Other salaries (Chicago office)—

Oct.	12.	Florence Whittier, Sept. salary	75.00	
	12.	Iona B. Jeffrey, Sept. salary	50.00	
Nov.	10.	Florence Whittier, Oct. salary	100.00	
	10.	Iona B. Jeffrey, Oct. salary	50.00	
	29.	Florence Whittier, Nov. salary	100.00	
	29.	Iona B. Jeffrey, Nov. salary	50.00	
Dec.	31.	Florence Whittier, Dec. salary	100.00	
	31.	Gwendolyn Brigham, Dec. salary	50.00	$575.00
				$4904.12
		Balance Dec. 31, 1909		3499.56
				$8403.68

Respectfully submitted,
PURD B. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

A letter was received from S. H. Ranck in regard to the ruling of the Periodical Publishers' Clearing House with reference to subscriptions to periodicals by libraries through agents, which letter was referred by the Executive Board to the A. L. A. Committee on bookbinding.

C. W. Andrews discussed Dr. A. B. Meyer's suggestion of a library exhibit at the American Exposition in Berlin in 1910, after which it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to express to Dr. Meyer the interest of the A. L. A. in this exposition and to bring it to the attention of library commercial houses in this country in regard to making an exhibit there.